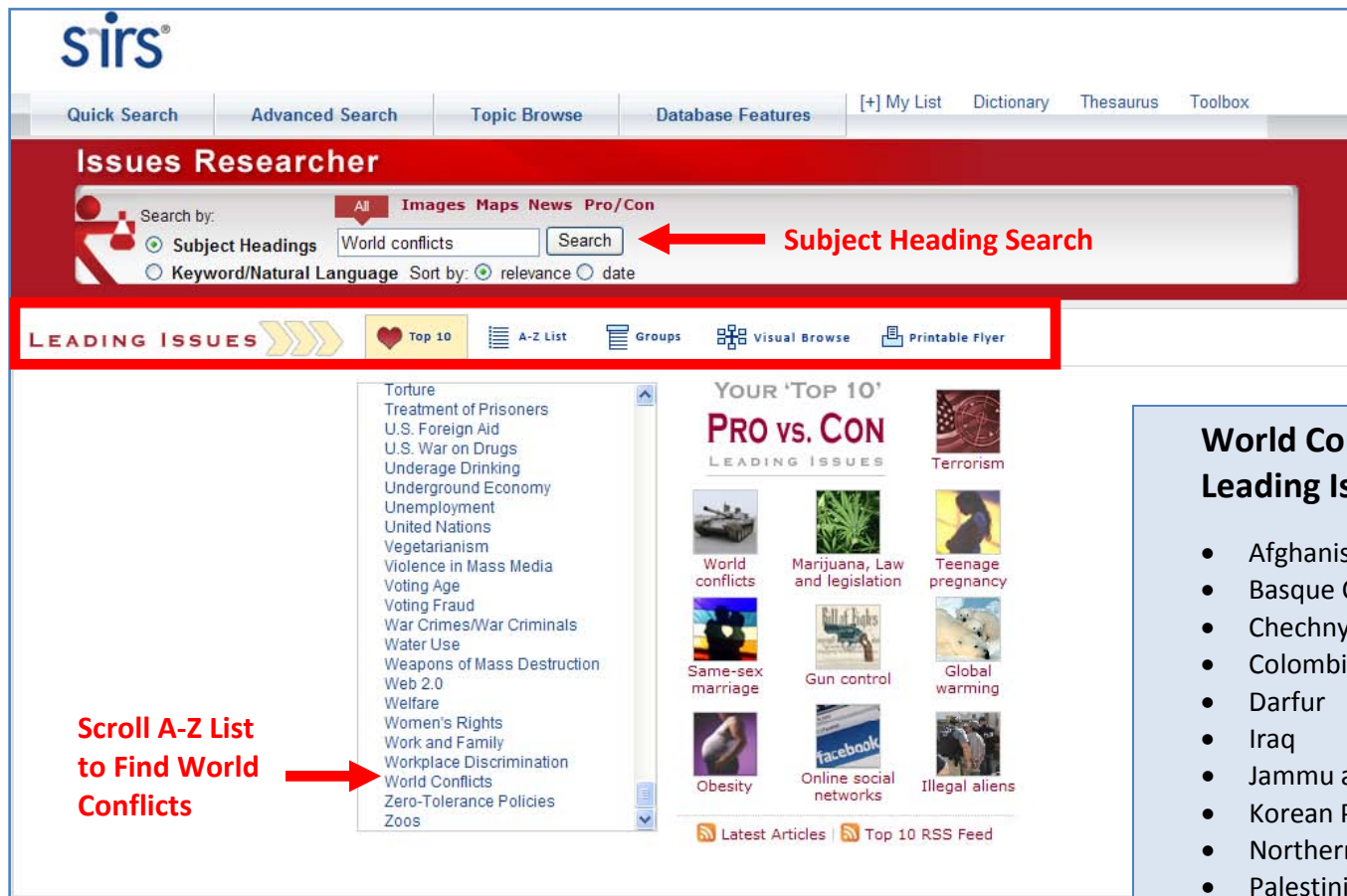


# Your Guide to World Conflicts Leading Issues @ SIRS Issues Researcher

## STEP 1:

Access World Conflicts through a Subject Heading search, or by using any SIRS Leading Issue browse tool. Alternatively, access conflicts individually.

Utilize a Leading Issue Browse Tool



The screenshot shows the SIRS Issues Researcher interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Quick Search, Advanced Search, Topic Browse, Database Features, [+], My List, Dictionary, Thesaurus, and Toolbox. Below these is the 'Issues Researcher' section with a search bar. The search bar has a 'Search by:' dropdown set to 'All' with sub-options for 'Subject Headings', 'Images', 'Maps', 'News', and 'Pro/Con'. The 'Subject Headings' option is selected, and 'World conflicts' is entered in the search box. A red arrow points to the search box with the text 'Subject Heading Search'. Below the search bar is a 'LEADING ISSUES' section with a red border. It includes a 'Top 10' icon, an 'A-Z List' icon, and other options like 'Groups', 'Visual Browse', and 'Printable Flyer'. A red arrow points to the 'A-Z List' icon with the text 'Scroll A-Z List to Find World Conflicts'. The 'A-Z List' is expanded to show a scrollable list of issues, with 'World Conflicts' highlighted. To the right of the list is a 'YOUR 'TOP 10' PRO vs. CON LEADING ISSUES' section with a grid of issue cards: Terrorism, World conflicts, Marijuana, Law and legislation, Teenage pregnancy, Same-sex marriage, Gun control, Global warming, Obesity, Online social networks, and Illegal aliens. At the bottom right, there are links for 'Latest Articles' and 'Top 10 RSS Feed'.

### World Conflicts Leading Issues

- Afghanistan
- Basque Country
- Chechnya
- Colombia
- Darfur
- Iraq
- Jammu and Kashmir
- Korean Peninsula
- Northern Ireland
- Palestinian Territories

**STEP 2:**

Use Leading Issues features and tools to develop understanding of World Conflicts. Narrow in on an each individual conflict for further analysis through Pro/Con Issues with Essential Questions.

Background information

The screenshot shows the sirs website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Quick Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Topic Browse', 'Database Features', '[+] My List', 'Dictionary', 'Thesaurus', and 'Toolbox'. Below this is a red header bar with 'LEADING ISSUES / World Conflicts' and an 'RSS FEED' icon. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column, titled 'Topic Overview: World Conflicts', contains a paragraph of text and a 'Research Tools' button. The middle column, titled 'PRO/CON ISSUES and Essential Questions', lists three issues: 'AFGHANISTAN: Should coalition forces withdraw from Afghanistan now?', 'BASQUE COUNTRY: Should the Spanish government drop its resistance to discussing independence for the Basque provinces?', and 'CHECHNYA: Should Chechnya be permitted to break away from the Russian Federation?'. The right column, titled 'Interactive', features a world map with conflict markers and a 'Conflict Map | play...' link. A 'Research Tools' panel is overlaid at the bottom left, showing icons for 'Topic Overview', 'Timeline', 'Global Impact', 'Statistics', 'My Analysis', and 'Note Organizer'.

Editorialized features support  
World Conflicts research assignments

**STEP 3:**

The full coverage of every Leading Issue enables researchers to comprehend the “what’s” to the “why’s” behind the complex issues of Leading Issues World Conflicts.

Includes questions for critical thinking & analysis

**LEADING ISSUES / World Conflicts / Afghanistan**

**At Issue: Afghanistan**

Violence is woven into Afghanistan's history. Toward the end of the twentieth century, Afghanistan was invaded by the Soviet Union and infiltrated by Islamist radicals, mostly from the Middle East and Pakistan. | more...

**Research Tools**

- Topic Overview
- Timeline
- Global Impact
- Statistics
- My Analysis
- Note Organizer

**PRO/CON ISSUES and Essential**

**Should coalition forces withdraw from Afghanistan now?**

YES	NO
The occupation is making a bad situation worse.	Coalition forces are helping Afghans build a better society.
<a href="#">Finding the Way Out</a>	<a href="#">Ugly Victory in Afghanistan</a>
<a href="#">Want to Cut the Deficit? End the War.</a>	<a href="#">The Tragedy of a Hasty Withdrawal of Foreign Troops</a>
<a href="#">If Reports True, It's Time to Get Out of Afghanistan</a>	<a href="#">Gillard Warns on Afghan Pullout</a>

**Interactive**

Casualties: Afghanistan | play...

Subject: Afghanistan, History, Antiterrorist operations (2001-)

Sort results by: Date

**Narrow your results**

- Matching Subjects (3 results)
- All source types (364 results)
- Newspapers (184 results)
- Magazines (37 results)
- Viewpoints (4 results)
- Reference (15 results)
- Graphics/Media (124 results)

**Search Results:**

- Afghanistan: Table of Contents; World Conflicts Today**, ProQuest Staff  
2011 | pg.n.p. | Lexile Score: 960 | Size: 2K | SIRS Researcher
- At Issue: Afghanistan**; ProQuest LLC, ProQuest Staff  
2011 | Lexile Score: 480 | Size: 5K | SIRS Researcher
- Karzai Warns NATO Not to Become "Occupying Force"**; Reuters Media, Shalizi, Hamid, and Amie Ferris-Rotman  
May 31, 2011 | pg.n.p. | Lexile Score: 1450 | Size: 8K | SIRS Researcher

YES/NO Answers with viewpoint articles

Multimedia

Timeline for each conflict

eBook – Table of Contents link to extensive reference coverage of conflict

Varied article results